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AT THE END OF THE DAY, Count our lives, our Father, and keep them clean, we pray, through that Christ to whose leadership we yield in the obedience of faith. Amen.

NERVE

The Kansas City Star speaks editorially of German nerve: "The German government has had the nerve to protest against the use of shotguns by American soldiers. This protest comes from a government that has thrown aside every consideration of international law intended to mitigate the horrors of war; from a government that began the bombardment of unfortified towns, the use of poisonous gas, the bombing of Red Cross hospitals, the sinking of merchant vessels without warning by submarines, the sinking of villages, and the shooting of hostages. "And a government guilty of such practices comes forward with an air of innocence and protests against American soldiers using shotguns!"

The United States is arranging in advance for Thanksgiving Turkey.

WHAT will some of our high school girls do if the supply of cosmetics should give out?

If you really want the war won right away, you will subscribe at once for Liberty Bonds.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! Mexico is not going over the top as it should in the Fourth Liberty bond subscription.

IN the death of George Kabrich, Mexico loses one of her oldest and staunchest citizens. His death will be sad news to many friends here. He was a prominent member of the local Masonic lodge which he attended faithfully as long as his health allowed regardless of weather conditions.

COMMUNITY SING SUNDAY

Will be held at Rialto Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The second community sing will be given in the Rialto Theatre next Sunday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock. The united choir of the city will lead the singing accompanied by the organ. Familiar and patriotic songs will be sung and short patriotic addresses will be made. The purpose is to bring the people together for sing that will stir the blood and unite us all for the prosecution of everything that makes for civic betterment and the winning of the war.

Prof. A. L. Manchester will lead the singing. The words of the songs will be thrown on the screen. There is a reason for our Government desiring us to learn to sing. The Army and Navy have their bands. A singing army is a winning army on the battlefield and at home. So let us learn to sing.

AUDRAIN'S HONORED DEAD

FOR HUMANITY'S SAKE: James Willis Bledsoe, Ft. Sill, Okla., 14, 1918. Eddie Henry Blase, Veale, France, Aug. 1, 1918. Monte Nelson Brooks, Ft. Riley, July 3, 1918. Charles Divers Crane, Soissons, France, July 15, 1918. Edward Henry Blase, Veale, France, Aug. 1, 1918. Fred Allen, France, July 2, 1918. George Lewis Hollingsworth, Brooklyn Navy Yard, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1918. Merrill Peters, Great Lakes training station, March 3, 1917. Warren Harper Callaway, Camp Dewey, Great Lakes Training Camp, Ill., Monday, Sept. 30, 1918.

PLEASED WITH THE LEDGER

MOLINO, Mo., Sept. 23, 1918. Mr. R. M. White, Mexico, Mo. Dear friend:

I have been taking your paper forty years, and it grows better every week. I look forward to the arrival of it like I would a letter from home. Who was the owner and manager before I, Linn Ladd, and did they call him Thomas Ladd?

I have been married to Miss Alice Rogers nearly forty years—will be if we live until October 13. Your friend and well wisher, G. T. SCHIEFFER.

Mr. Ladd purchased the Ledger from Milton Simonds—Editor.

Will Open Friday. Jack Gehlhaus will open his Model Groceries Friday in the Tolson building. Besides offering special bargains in staple groceries he will sell fresh vegetables. His store is being attractively decorated and arranged.

Ready for Overseas. Lieut. J. Frank Jolley, of this city, has passed an examination for service overseas and expects to be called any time.

Buy War Savings Stamps.

THE CONDITION OF YOUR EYES

It is the condition of your eyes, not age, that determines the matter of needing glasses. Weak eyes need assistance and we are prepared in every way to give you the aid required to correct existing troubles.

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GERMANS PREPARE TO RETREAT ON THE FLANDERS FRONT

Fail Back Upon American Attack in the Argonne Forest

ST. QUENTIN IN ALLIES' HANDS

Turks at Damascus Reported to Have Asked For Peace Terms

BULLETIN

Special to the Ledger.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—The German army is reported to be making preparations for a retreat in the Flanders region and all along the Argonne while the Americans in the Argonne forest are driving blow after blow in the Argonne forest and forcing the enemy to fall back.

St. Quentin is now occupied by the British and four terrific battles are now raging on the 100-mile front. The Allies are making steady gains.

BULLETIN

Special to the Ledger.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—The Turks at Damascus are reported to have asked for peace terms. According to Budapest newspapers the Austro-Hungarian government desires peace in agreement with Germany notwithstanding the fact that measures have been taken for defense as a result of Bulgaria's withdrawal from the war. They, however, state that the desire to preserve the monarchy's territorial integrity.

BULLETIN

Special to the Ledger.

PARIS, Oct. 2.—The civilian population of the village of Bille is preparing to evacuate that town as the allies continue their victorious offensive continuing to drive the enemy back and piercing the Hindenburg line at their will.

From Northern Belgium to the region of Verdun the battle front is still settling with activity on various fronts, and with the entente forces continuing to make gains against the Germans which are seriously impairing the enemy lines.

The town of St. Quentin, upon which the Germans had so firmly based their hopes of proving an insuperable barrier to the allies, at last has been entered by the French and seemingly the gateway is open to Marshal Foch for a swift advance eastward in his task of reclaiming Northern France.

Meanwhile the Germans and their allies on all battle fronts have continued to play a losing game, and report has it that the Turks, realizing the critical situation through the ceaseless defeats and the withdrawal of Bulgaria from the war, are sending out "peace feelers."

FIRST AUDRAIN BOY CAPTURED IS LADONIAN

Edward Whitehouse, of this county, is the first Audrain boy known to have been taken prisoner by the Germans.

He is from Ladonia and left this county last year for service with a contingent of the selective army. He is a son of Mrs. R. E. Whitehouse, of Ladonia, who received word from him this week announcing that he had been taken prisoner.

The only message he received was a card stating that he was held a prisoner at Cassel, Germany, with a number of other American soldiers captured July 14.

No particulars concerning his being taken were given. Whitehouse was among the first to be called from this county.

Sunday School Convention.

The Saline township Sunday School convention will be held Oct. 8, 1918, at Friendship. All Sunday schools will meet together Sunday afternoon and have a regular school session. As many representatives as possible should be present.

Mexico Woman Buys \$3,000 Bond.

A Mexico woman subscribed Wednesday for a \$3,000 bond of the Fourth Liberty Loan at the Southern Bank. She, however, requested that her name be withheld.

Mrs. W. A. Morris and Mrs. M. R. Wise are spending several days in St. Louis.

FOUR ROBBERIES REPORTED TUESDAY NIGHT

Thieves Procure Little and Evidently Operated from 10:30 Until Early Morning

TWO PLACES MADE NO HAUL

Joe Carrio, J. W. Perkins, A. M. Balfour and Mrs. Hardin Rixey Were the Victims

Four robberies were committed Tuesday night by unidentified persons.

In only two instances did they succeed in obtaining anything. At the home of Joe Carrio, in south Mexico, they stole \$5 and a watch and at the home of A. M. Balfour, they took a \$20 overcoat.

The residence of Mrs. Hardin Rixey, on South Jefferson street, was entered about 10:30 but nothing stolen. The home of J. W. Perkins, near Mr. Carrio's, on South Western avenue, also was entered, but so far nothing has been discovered missing.

Mr. Balfour was aroused by his grandchild crying and on putting on a pair of trousers with \$50 in the pocket, put the baby back to sleep. It was only a little after that the thief entered his home.

The officers are making every effort to apprehend the thieves.

CALLAWAY FUNERAL

Service to Be Military and Masonic—Burial at Elmwood.

The funeral of Warren Harper Callaway, who died at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station Monday, the second Audrain county boy to become a victim of Spanish influenza, will be held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 from the Bush Undertaking establishment. The Rev. J. H. Hughes will be in charge of the service. It will be a military and Masonic funeral. Burial will be in the Elmwood cemetery.

The body was sent from Chicago Wednesday morning and is expected to arrive some time Wednesday evening.

HOLLINGSWORTH FUNERAL

Military Service in Honor of Victim of Spanish Influenza.

The body of George Lewis Hollingsworth, who died at the Brooklyn, N. Y., Navy Yard, of Spanish influenza, arrived in Mexico Wednesday morning and the funeral service will be held at 11 o'clock from the McPherson Undertaking Chapel. The Rev. C. V. Lanius and the Rev. Mr. Nickerson were in charge of the service.

George Lewis Hollingsworth was born near Corning, Adams county, Iowa, May 22, 1892. He was the eldest child of W. H. and C. M. Hollingsworth, who survive him; also four brothers and four sisters: Fred E. of Ladonia; Mrs. Hugo Deorge of this city; Dennis L. of Troop 11, 12th U. S. Cavalry, Columbus, N. M.; W. H. Jr., Corral, Vera, Clara and Doc, at home. He is also survived by an aged grandmother, Mrs. L. A. White, Altamont, Kan.

He united with the Methodist Church when 15 years old. He came to Mexico, Mo., with his parents March 4, 1913. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy Nov. 26, 1917, and was sent to the Great Lakes Training Station. From that point he was transferred April 1, 1918, to Hampton Roads, Va., and for six weeks he was on board the U. S. S. Indiana, going on board June 14. He was transferred to Borinquen Island, N. Y., Sept. 13, and was assigned to duty on the U. S. S. Yankton as fireman. He was home on a furlough the last week in March, and is remembered by many in this city.

The Ledger extends sincerest sympathy to the bereaved family.

STATE CASUALTIES 593

Casualties among Missouri men in the war up to September numbered 593, according to statistics kept by Floyd C. Schaefer, of Columbia, Mo., secretary of the State Historical Society.

His record shows St. Louis casualties of 229, or 38 per cent of the total for the State.

Missouri's casualties are divided as follows: Killed in action, 138; died of wounds, 45; died of disease in France, 46; died from accident or other causes, 12; missing in action, 29; died in United States, 35; killed, wounded and missing at sea, 21.

St. Louis casualties: Killed in action, 12; died of wounds, 53; died of accident or other causes, 7; died of disease, 5; missing, 12; prisoners, 4; wounded, 148.

Shoemaker's list also shows that 39 Missouri soldiers have been decorated with war medals of the United States, France, England or Italy, and 39 cited for special honors.

More Questionnaires Have Arrived.

The Draft Board received Tuesday afternoon enough questionnaires to finish out the last registration. For nearly a week the board has had to suspend the sending out of these questionnaires, due to the fact that their early supply had given out and repeated telegrams to headquarters brought only fifty more. Now, however, the work of finishing up the last registrants under the new Manpower Bill will soon be finished.

APPLES! APPLES!

At reasonable prices for those who go to the orchard, 3 miles south of Mexico. Bell Phone 567.

W. L. KENT & SON.

Loyal Workman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Workman, is in St. Louis to enlist in the Navy.

Miss Gertrude Pacey of Auxvasse was in Mexico Monday.

AUTO THIEF ARRESTED HERE IS SENTENCED

William Kehoe, 25 Years Old, of St. Louis, Gets Two Years in the State's Prison

CAPTURED BY LOCAL OFFICERS

Chief of Police Wallace and Constable J. A. Brown Chased Thief and Caught Him Near Centralia

William Kehoe, 25 years old, of St. Louis, who on June 25 stole a motor car belonging to Arthur Bick, of that city, was sentenced to two years in prison this week by Judge Davis in the St. Louis Circuit Court. Chief of Police Wallace and Constable J. A. Brown, local officers, who made the arrest here, were witnesses in the case.

Kehoe, with another man, appeared in this city June 28 driving the stolen car. He arrived shortly after a telephone message from St. Louis reached here describing the machine.

Officers Wallace and Brown commandeered a local machine and gave chase. Near Centralia they passed the stolen car and then blocked the road and made the arrest. Both officers were slightly hurt when they jumped from their racing machine to catch the thief, fearing he might fire on them if they waited for their car to stop and divulged their purpose.

EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Council of Defense Requests That There Be No Rush of Buying.

The Council of Defense is making a plea for early Christmas shopping, not only to save everyone the nerve-racking haste of the last few days before Christmas, but as an economic factor.

One thing that may influence the people to shop earlier this year is the fact that one Christmas package may be sent the soldiers in France this year and this is of very limited size, in cartons furnished by the Red Cross, measuring 9x3 inches and not weighing more than five pounds.

So many persons who have soldiers in camps in the U. S. who are likely to go across before Christmas are buying their presents now and giving them rather than waiting until the holiday season and not being able to send them.

So the old slogan, "Do your Christmas Shopping Early" is really coming to be effective this year.

AUSTRIAN PRISON HORRORS

Prisoner Tells of Cruelties in Empire of Starvation.

RAPALLO, Italy, Oct. 2.—Captain Dr. Quirello has received the following letter from a poor prisoner about the terrible months he passed in the Austrian camp at Mauthausen. It should be read as a severe warning to those disaffected persons who still insist that it is not true the prisoners lack food to appease their hunger, or that they are not subjected to criminal ill-treatment.

The letter in full follows: "Relating some of my experiences as a prisoner in the camp at Mauthausen, here is what one eats in that empire of starvation: Six ounces of bread made of straw and wood; a little water which a few turnips and a herring had been boiled, and that not every day.

"Flogging was common; a number every day. Persons with high fever were compelled to work, drawing carts filled with earth and stone; if they complained they were struck and tied hand and foot to poles erected in the ground. Often this punishment lasted six hours and ended in death.

"Easter we passed without any food at all.

"In Austria I saw only repulsive and cruel things during my eight months' stay. Never anything humane. I also saw the gallows on which Cesare Battisti suffered death. Better to die a thousand times than to fall prisoner to the Austrians.

AUXVASSE.

Victor Hamilton, who will run the new cafeteria for Mr. Stokes, has rented the Sam Wright property.

Dr. Hume took Wm. Bell to the Mexico Hospital Friday.

John Creed and family have taken possession of their new home one-half mile south of town.

Mrs. Clay Duncan of Kansas City is visiting with her brother, Joe Swan Buckner here, who has been home at the homes of Mrs. Swan, Wallace, Lawrence and Garwood this week.

Gordon Batterton and family are visiting relatives in Armstrong.

Mrs. Eva LaFon and daughter are home after a 5 weeks visit with relatives throughout the county.

Auxvasse and Hutton Presbyterian church enjoyed all day service with Concord Church Sunday at their new church. An old-time basket-dinner too was provided by the ladies.

Lieut. C. D. Overfelt spent Sunday here with his parents.

Mrs. J. E. Durkee, Mrs. W. L. Reed, Mrs. Johnson and Miss McPheters of Mexico attended the conference here Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Roy Maddox went to Yucatan Saturday to be with her mother, who was badly hurt in a runaway.

Joe Swan Buckner of the U. S. Navy is visiting his parents here. He bears the distinction of having been "across" eleven times.

Bruce Thier Truck.

Bruce Piper, of the Mexico Transfer Co., has purchased a third motor truck to accommodate his increased business. He hauled a load of furniture to St. Louis this week and on the return trip will bring back a load of merchandise to this city.



The Government asks you to do your Christmas shopping NOW!

Here is a Real War-time Christmas Gift Community Plate

A full line of this fine table Silverware with a 50-year guarantee with every piece.

YOU KNOW THIS WARE

It is not only a sensible gift, but a serviceable one. You will find a full assortment of attractive pieces to choose from.

Mexico Hardware & Furniture Co.

REED'S STATEMENT ON SUFFRAGE CHALLENGED

Mrs. J. T. Johnson, of This City, 9th District Suffrage Chairman, Wires to Washington

SEEKS SEN. WILFLEY'S AID

Says Reed's Statement of '90 Per Cent of Missouri Women Against Suffrage Is Wrong

The statement that U. S. Senator from Missouri, James A. Reed, made in which he announced that "ninety per cent of the women of Missouri did not favor suffrage" has been challenged and Mrs. J. T. Johnson, of this city, chairman of the Ninth Congressional District for the Missouri Equal Suffrage organization sent the following telegram to Washington Wednesday afternoon.

U. S. Senator X. P. Wilfley, Washington, D. C.

Ninety-five percent of the women in the Ninth Congressional District of Missouri favor suffrage and deny Senator Reed's statement that "ninety per cent of Missouri women do not want suffrage."

(Signed) MRS. J. T. JOHNSON, Chairman Ninth District.

Washington is being flooded with telegrams from the women of Missouri along similar lines to disprove the charge made in Senator Reed's speech.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Shreve and son and Mrs. Chas. Kunkel and daughter motored to St. Louis Friday to see the Liberty Loan Military parade.

The many friends of Mark Pilcher will regret to learn he is quite ill.

SECOND AUDRAIN BOY IS INFLUENZA VICTIM

The second Audrain county boy in the U. S. service to become a victim of the epidemic of Spanish influenza was Warren Hooper Callaway, who died Monday afternoon at 3:30 at the Great Lakes Naval Training station after a brief illness.

The first boy to fall victim of this disease was George Lewis Hollingsworth, who died at the Brooklyn, N. Y., Navy last Saturday, and was buried in that city Tuesday.

Warren Hooper Callaway was just 21 years old and enlisted in the Navy in August. He has been ill only a few days and pneumonia developed shortly after he became ill. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Syl Callaway. Both parents are dead, and upon his mother's passing away, she gave the boy, who was then but two and a half years old, to her brother, J. G. Crawford, one of Audrain county's leading farmers.

Besides Mr. Crawford, who was like a father to him, Callaway leaves the following (brother and sister): Clara, Lewis and Moses Fred and Mrs. Otto Carpenter, all of this county.

Callaway was a member of the Long Branch Baptist Church, and a young man of splendid habits and high Christian ideals. He was popular with everyone, and his death will sadden a wide circle of friends.

The body will be shipped here for burial in Elmwood cemetery. Mr. Crawford was at the Great Lakes station at the time of his brother's death. The hour of the funeral and particulars have not been announced. The funeral, however, will be a military one, though it will not be held in any church because of the Government orders that no funeral be held for the dead who died in the service.

Young Callaway had just been made a Mason by the Central Masonic lodge north of Mexico, and was the youngest Mason in years and through initiation in the State.

WETS WILL MAKE A FIGHT

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 26.—It is stated on the authority of those who are interested in St. Louis Breweries that the "wets" will make a whirlwind campaign to prevent the adoption next November of the constitutional amendment making Missouri a dry state. They assert that the drys have taken advantage of them in forcing the issue during the war. They contend that if the men in the Army and Navy could vote, state prohibition would be easily defeated.

This is the third time within the last three years constitutional prohibition has been submitted to the voters of Missouri. In 1910 it was defeated by a majority of 218,127. St. Louis that year returned a majority of 155,946 against the measure. The drys were able to carry 102 counties. In 1916 prohibition was defeated by 122,538. St. Louis giving a majority of 127,541 against the amendment. Jackson county, including Kansas City, switched from wet to dry two years ago, however, and all along the lines the wetts lost ground.

SANFORD BROS.

have moved to their new location on West Liberty street in the former Cotton Lumber Co. building at the foot of the Clarke Avenue bridge. Plenty stock and hog feed of all kinds.

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University Worker Here.

Miss Olga Hungate, of the University of Missouri Extension Department, was in this city Wednesday and with County Superintendent of Schools W. Clyde Johnson, visited a number of country schools for the purpose of organizing Boys and Girls Clubs.

Prof. R. H. Emberson will be here Friday to meet the county teachers at McMillan High School to talk of this work and aid in organization.

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PIONEER MERCHANT DIES WEDNESDAY

George Kabrich Succumbs to Heart Trouble—Funeral Will Be Friday Afternoon

MASONS IN CHARGE OF BODY

Although He and His Wife Had No Children They Raised Eight Orphans During Their Lives

George Kabrich, 85 years old, a pioneer merchant of this city, died at his home in this city Wednesday morning at 9:10 from heart trouble. He has been in poor health for some time, though the end was not expected just at this time.

The funeral will be Friday afternoon at 2:30 in the Methodist Church and the Masonic lodge will be in charge of the body. Mr. Kabrich was a prominent member of Hebron Lodge No. 254 A. F. and A. M. and a Knight Templar.

The pall bearers will be: S. P. Emmons, Geo. Marvial, E. R. Locke, S. M. Locke, H. Hansen, E. E. Elliott.

Mr. Kabrich was born in Shekton, Ohio, March 30, 1833. He moved to Mercer county, Mo., and when he was twenty-four years old, married Miss Sallie Ann West. The wedding was on May 24, 1857.

Mrs. Kabrich died seven years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Kabrich moved to Mexico from Ironton, Iowa, in 1869, where they have resided since.

Mr. Kabrich was one of Mexico's pioneer merchants and built the large three story building now occupied by Ricketts & Emmons, on the west side of the Square. Mr. Kabrich was proprietor and manager of the Kabrich Opera House, in the same building for many years.

He was a devout member of the Methodist Church and for the last few years has been spending the winters in Florida. He was a man of fine character and business integrity. He was loved by all who knew him and his devotion to children was a notable characteristic of his.

Although he had no children, he reared eight, all of whom were orphans. Since his wife's death he has lived with P. C. Vanhorn, one of the young men he reared. He also reared James W. Vanhorn, of Portland, Ore.

In the loss of George Kabrich Mexico gives up one of her fine, old-fashioned citizens, who was representative of the business and social life of early Audrain county. The Ledger joins in extending deepest sympathy to relatives and close friends.

Help Fight the Battle Over There.

We have now more than 1,500,000 soldiers in Europe. We have more than doubled the pay of our soldiers since the beginning of the war. Our government furnishes as high as \$10,000 life insurance to its soldiers under rates that make it the most desirable in the world, and furnishes it after the war as well as during the war.

There has never been a war before this in which such effective work has been done to restore wounded soldiers to forty-five in every thousand and die. Of all soldiers wounded in action, more than four-fifths return to service, many in less than two months.

It takes money to protect the soldiers. Here are some of the things your money will do. One \$50 bond applied by the Government would take care of one hundred and sixty trench wounds with first aid packets. One \$50 bond will buy one hundred and twenty band grenades or ten cases of surgical instruments for officers' belts, or thirty-seven cases of surgical instruments for enlisted men's belts.

Through the wise economies and liberal subscriptions to Liberty Loans and War Savings Stamps, the people of the United States have enabled the Government to more than meet the expectations of the Allies in the assistance given them.

Awakened patriotism has made the American people a saving bond-buying people. Before the war there were about three hundred thousand bond holders in the United States. After three Liberty Bond campaigns, there are between twenty and twenty-five million bond holders. When the Fourth Liberty Bond campaign closes, much of the nation's hoarded wealth will find its way into the vaults of Uncle Sam.

GOVERNMENT FIXES PRICE

SEDALIA, Mo., Oct. 2.—Effective at once, the Fuel Administration of Sedalia has fixed the price of good seasoned oak and hickory wood mixed at \$7.50 a cord; for elm and other woods \$6.50 per cord. In establishing these prices the Fuel Administration made an order that they are to cover a full cord 8 feet long 4 feet wide and 4 feet high.